1989-90 की तुलना में 1990-91 के दौरान 14.08% की बचत दिखाती है । हाई स्पीड डीजल के बारे में 8 विभागों से प्राप्त पूर्ण सूचना 1989-90 की तुलना में 1990-91 के दौरान 33.63% बचत दिखाती है ।

Establishment of a Lung Institute at Bhopal

*29. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh had long ago requested the Central Government to establish a Lung Institute for the victims of Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster in the State capital;

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken in the matter; and

(c) by when Government propose to establish the said Institute at Bhopal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Though no formal proposal has been received for the establishment of a Lung Institute for the victims of Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, the Government is concerned over the issue of industrial accidents which can claim many lives and cause disability to many others. Accordingly, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have formulated a proposal for the establishment of National Lung Institute for Industrial Disaster at Delhi with three satellite regional Centres at Bhopal, Ahmedabad and Pune. No decision has yet been taken on this proposal.

Literacy rate in the Country

*30. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present rate of literacy in the country, State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government have taken so far to increase the percentage of literacy, indicating the expenditure incurred on this account in the country during the last three years upto 31st March, 1991, yearwise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) According to the provisional figures of the 1991 census, the literacy rate in the country for population aged 7 years and above was 52.11 per cent. Details showing the State-wise literacy rate are given at Statement-I.

(b) Universalisation of the elementary education including the programme of non-formal education for school drop-outs, and the National Literacy Mission which aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in the 15-35 age-group by 1995 form an integral part of the larger programme for eradication of illiteracy in the country.

Details showing the amount of grant released by the Central Government to the State Governments, UT Administrations and various agencies engaged in promotion of adult education and elementary education in these States/UTs during the last three years are given at Statement II and III. In addition, th